

1 trials. We did not intend to enlarge or dispariage any of  
2 the rights now known under the criminal trial by jury sys-  
3 tem. We did add two words, "of 12," inasmuch as we felt  
4 it imperative that we peg into the Constitution that jury of  
5 12 inasmuch as there was some slight movement among the  
6 Convention to change it and lower the number of jurors,  
7 or to get into the area where we might have majority verdicts.  
8 And so I think I can speak for Delegate Child, because he  
9 and I, in conferring on it, had no idea of enlarging or  
10 dispariaging any rights as guaranteed under our present  
11 Constitution provided in Article V in the present Declara-  
12 tion of Rights and in Article XXI of the Declaration of  
13 Rights.

14 And I think that it is a matter of constitutional  
15 construction, Mr. President; that when we adopt then pretty  
16 much the same language without any change in wording that  
17 we necessarily carry along with that all the judicial con-  
18 struction of the past.

19 We carry with that all the judicial construction  
20 concerning the development and origin of the common law,  
21 and so I think that any further amendment to try to clarify